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SUBJ: SOHYO ICFTU AFFILIATES VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. POSTAL WORKERS UNION (ZENTEI) INTERNATIONAL DEPT DIR KUROSAWA CONFIRMED TO LABATT SEPT 3 THAT WHILE 18 MEMBER SOHYO ICFTU AFFILIATE TEAM WILL HAVE ONLY 1 DAY IN WASHINGTON (IT ARRIVES FROM NEW ORK MID MORNING OCT 14 AND DEPARTS FOR MEXICO MORNING OCT 15) IT STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT DIR ERNIE LEE AND AFFLI OFFICIALS AFTERNOON OCT 14. WHILE TEAM ALSO EXPECTS TO CALL ON WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF US UNIONS COUNTERPARTS IT DOES NOT REQUIRE OUR ASSISTANCE SINCE ZENTEI ARRANGING FOR APPTS WITH LETTER CARRIERS AND POSTAL WORKERS THROUGH PTTI REP HERE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: SOHYO'S ICFTU AFFILIATES, PARTICULARLY ZENTEI, ARE ANXIOUS TO ACT AS JAPANESE LABOR MOVEMENTS'S PRINCIPAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN ICFTU AFFILIATES AND REGARD DOMEI'S STEPPTED UP ACTIVITIES INTHE AREA AS INVASION OF THEIR TURF. SOHYO ICFTU AFFILIATES ALSO HOPE TO EASE

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DOMEI AFFILIATED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS FEDERATION PRES

SHIOJI (WHOM THEY DISLIKE BECAUSE HE APPARENTLY NEVER CONSULTS THEM ON ICFTU MATTERS) OUT OF HIS POST AS ONLY ICFTU EXEC BOARD MEMBER FROM JAPAN, THEREFORE, AT FORTHCOMING WASHINGTON MEETING TEAM MAY BE UNDUELY CRITICAL OF DOMEI AND AFLO-CIO'S RELATIONSHIP TO IT. NEVERTHELESS, VISIT BY SOHYO ICFTU AFFILIATES (ALL OF WHOM SUPPORT JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY) SHOULD BE VIEWED, ALONG WITH JSP'S RECENT OVERTURES TO US, AS PART OF NON COMMUNIST LEFT'S EFFORT TO IMPROVE TIES WITH US IN WAKE OF VIETNAM. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ON TIMES AND PLACE OF TEAM'S MEETING WITH AFL-CIO AND AAFLI. END UNCLASSIFIED. HODGSON

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